

2, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/225,186 filed August 14, 2000 ("the '186 application"). The disclosures of those applications are fully incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

The invention identified as Group V that is, claims 16-23 are selected for examination. It is not understood why claims 8-14 identified as Group III are required to be separately examined they are related to Group V. It is respectfully requested that the Hon. Dr. Ralph Gitomer reconsider the restriction grouping and examiner claims 8-14 and 16-23 at one time. If that is not acceptable, then the applicant elects claims 16-23.

Further, amendment has been made to the Related Applications section, since Serial No. 09/298,219 has been issued as U.S. Patent 6,297,044 B1.

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Related Applications

The present application relates to and is a continuation- in-part of U.S. Nonprovisional Application Serial No. 09/298,218 filed April 23, 1999[, ("the '218 application")] now U.S. Patent No. 6,284,482 issued Sept. 4, 2001; U.S. Nonprovisional Application Serial No. 09/298,219 filed April 23, 1999 ("the '219 application"), now U.S. Patent No. 6,297,044 issued Oct. 2, 2001; and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/225,186 filed August 14, 2000 ("the '186 application"). The disclosures of those applications are fully incorporated herein by reference.